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Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for answer questions regarding the declaration. The Examiner stated that a new Oath or Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.67(a) is defective because Declaration had a checkmark next to "is attached hereto" rather than "filed on...." As such, a new declaration is being submitted herewith checking the appropriate box. Because this is a formality, 37 C.F.R. 1.67(a)(2) allows this correction to take place without need for re-execution of the Declaration by the inventors, which was agreed to by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that the patent register in due course.

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